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1. IN JANUARY 20 NEGOTIATING SESSION, ELEKDAG REPEATED  
FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE TURKISH POLITICAL REQUIRE-  
MENT FOR A CLAUSE LIMITING THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT  
TO NATO PURPOSES WHILE STRESSING THAT OTHER ACTIVITIES  
COULD BE APPROVED ON AD HOC BASIS IF THEY PROVE TO

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BE IN TURKISH INTEREST. IN LATTER RESPECT ELEKDAG

RECOUNTED THE AFFIRMATIVE GOT RESPONSE TO A 1969 REQUEST TO TRANSPORT ARMS THROUGH INCIRLIK TO JOJAN AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE. DRAWING FROM POINTS CONTAINED PARA 3A REF B, I STRESSED THAT WE REALIZED TURKS COULD NOT PROVIDE OPEN ENDED APPROVAL FOR U.S. OPERATIONS, BUT THAT CURRENT LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY PRECLUDED THE TYPE OF COOPERATION ELEKDAG HAD JUST DESCRIBED. THIS, I SAID, WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

2. WE TENTATIVELY EXPLORED SEVERAL OTHER LANGUAGE FORMULATIONS SUCH AS OUR PROPOSALS THAT A SENTENCE BE ADDED TO SECOND PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE II STATING THAT ANY OTHER U.S. USE OF INSTALLATIONS WOULD REQUIRE SEPARATE AGREEMENT AND AN INTRODUCTORY PHRASE TO SECOND PARAGRAPH STATING "IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY."

3. FINALLY ELEKDAG STATED THAT HE WOULD ACCEPT SUBSTITUTION OF "TURKISH GOVERNMENT" FOR "THIS AGREEMENT" IN TURKISH SECOND PARAGRAPH IF U.S. ACCEPTED "LIMITED" IN FIRST PARAGRAPH. ARTICLE II WOULD THUS READ:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE EXTENT OF THE DEFENSE COOPERATION ENVISAGED IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO OBLIGATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY.

INSTALLATIONS SHALL IN NO EVENT BE USED FOR, NOR SHALL THE ACTIVITIES SERVE, PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE AUTHORIZED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: I AND THE NEGOTIATING TEAM BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ACCEPT THIS FORMULATION, SINCE IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE AGREEMENT ON OTHER ACTIVITIES BEYOND THOSE COVERED BY FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE ARTICLE. WASHINGTON COMMENT IS SECRET

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